

February 10, 2022

The Honourable Bill Blair
Minister of Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Via email to bill.blair@parl.gc.ca

**Re: Support for Windsor Police Service Request for Resources –
Ambassador Bridge Demonstration**

Dear Minister Blair,

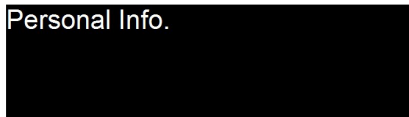
As you are aware, the City of Windsor and the Windsor Police Service are managing an organized demonstration where activists have blockaded the Ambassador Bridge. I am writing you today, on behalf of the County of Essex, to respectfully offer support to the City's request for Federal assistance in the form of additional officers and equipment required to aid in their efforts to bring this fluid and potentially volatile situation to a peaceful resolution.

As a regional partner, the County of Essex works in unison with the City of Windsor to provide service to our communities. The blockade at this international crossing gravely impacts the well-being and livelihood of residents and commerce in both municipalities. This disruption to our communities cannot continue.

Thank you for your expedient attention to this important request. If you wish to discuss the matter further or, if you require more information, please feel free to contact this office.

Regards,

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ENCL: Windsor Police Service Letter Requesting Federal Resources, dated February 9, 2022

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Re: Request for Resources – Ambassador Bridge Demonstration

Dear Minister Blair,

As you are aware, the City of Windsor is managing an organized demonstration where activists have blockaded the Ambassador Bridge. While there has been some intermittent traffic flow at times, the situation remains fluid and potentially volatile. Given the nature of this situation and the enduring commitment of resources required to sustain public safety with an aim of a negotiated resolution, the Windsor Police Service is requesting a minimum of 100 police officers be dispatched to the City of Windsor to bolster current and potentially future requirements. These officers will be utilized at the Ambassador Bridge event and be added to the rotation of officers needed to support the on-ground strategies and assist in ensuring that our police officers have the ability to rest and recover.

Moreover, the Windsor Police Service respectfully requests that marked police vehicles and tow-trucks (including heavy tows for large transport vehicles) be provided to the degree possible to assist in our operational agility should rapid response deployment be required not only at the Ambassador Bridge, but also at the Detroit-Windsor International Tunnel. While not currently a focused target by demonstrators, it is reasonable to consider the scenario that demonstrators may pivot in their strategy and attempt to blockade that international crossing location.

I want to thank you for your support, not only for law enforcement organizations, but also for our Service members and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Pamela Mizuno
Chief of Police
Windsor Police Service